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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Needs for U-2 Coverage in the Far East

1. Attached is the current requirement for coverage of three targets in China [redacted] to be covered also with the B Configuration unless perchance KH-7 can do the job first (see COMOR-D-25/124).
2. Coverage of South China as is well known is still required.
3. Tomorrow at the COMOR I expect we will affirm, perhaps with some amendment, the attached schedule which was prepared on Tuesday by the COMOR's Photo Working Group.
4. I plan to propose to the COMOR that the last mentioned paper go to the Board for approval next Wednesday. If approved, I would expect this to take off some of the heat from the DIA, particularly as bearing on the Sino-Indian border. You will notice that the paper pays close attention to coverage attained from KH-4 and KH-7 satellites and the degree to which photo requirements can be met by them.
5. I am also going to propose to COMOR and the Board that a quarterly paper such as this take the place of the previous long-range paper (COMOR-D-25/65) which was approved by the Board on 3 January 1964. Unfortunately, this happens to have been a general guide during a period when OSA capabilities have been fraught with all kinds of problems. One advantage to this quarterly approach would be, of course, that it would keep the agencies honest.

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6. Between the quarterly reports, actions taken by the Board under the above proposal and the results of reconnaissance achieved will appear before the Board in the form of the Monthly Status Report on Overhead Reconnaissance.

7. The measures which I suggest above should serve, it seems to me, to tidy our affairs to the mutual benefit of the Board and of OSA.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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Schedule**

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Requirements for Overhead Reconnaissance

The Director went over the COMOR paper on this subject. He directed that it be revised to show more clearly the requirements for coverage ~~as~~ laid down for various areas by USIB. He felt that in trying to compress the statement of these requirements, a somewhat misleading impression was given, particularly with respect to the Sino-Indian border and to China. He also questioned whether the statement of USIB/s action on Cuba was exactly accurate. Additionally, he thought that the existing USIB requirement for KH-4 and KH-7 coverage should be noted.

After some general discussion as to how best to lay out requirements for reconnaissance coverage and how USIB can best be kept informed of progress in this coverage, the following was agreed: COMOR will be charged with staffing for USIB discussion recommendations for frequency of coverage in each of the various areas. Once USIB has approved frequencies of coverage, then COMOR will develop the individual targeting. COMOR would also be charged with keeping USIB informed on a regular basis of the extent to which intelligence requirements are being met and to alert the Board ~~as~~ if there is any slippage in conforming to the directed rate of coverage or if factors such as weather or malfunction make particular missions unproductive wholly or in part. It was recognized that NRO is the responsible organization for maintaining the desired frequency of coverage, but it was also felt that COMOR, through close liaison with NRO, could present this information periodically to the USIB, thereby putting the reporting responsibility in one place.

The DCI emphasized that it is essential to have consistent reconnaissance coverage, drawing an analogy with COMINT in this respect. He also reiterated the necessity to have the reports specific.

From the O/NIPE--27 April 64--These are comments on the "Status of Overhead Photographic Reconnaissance",

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